

Name_____ Period_____

Research Project

The Roaring Twenties

After reading F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, we are going to write a research paper and complete a multi-genre project for history.

Purpose: There are 3 major purposes for this assignment:

- To teach you research techniques and terms, and to instruct you in the use of technology that will enable you to present your research findings in a creative manner.
- To continue our study of American Literature by doing in-depth research on a specific time period – *the 1920s and the Modernist period*.
- To improve our writing and learn how to write with our own voice, not plagiarize.

You should choose a similar topic to your history Power point assignment. For example, if your group is working on Superficial Wealth, Credit, and the New Consumer Goods, then you may choose to write about the invention of the Model T car. Everyone in your group should choose a different specific topic, but they should all be related.

Remember, I want you to dive deep into your topic. Do not just give me the “what” surface information of your topic. Tell me the “so what” and “now what”. How has your topic made an impact on today? Why is your research significant?

Wed, April 27th- Library/Research

Thurs, April 28th- Library/Research

Fri, April 29th-Library/Topic due in writing (10 points)

Mon, May 2nd- Preliminary Annotated Bibliography (at least 3 sources) (20 pts)

Tues, May 3rd-Thesis Statement due (20 points) Computer lab 1st & 2nd hour

Wed, May 4th- 50 Note cards due (20 points) Computer lab 2nd hour

Thurs, May 5th- Power point Presentation Computer lab 1st hour

Fri, May 6th- Outline due/Power point Presentation (20 points)

Mon, May 9th- Introduction due (10 points)

Tues, May 10th-Rough Draft due by end of class (100 pts) Comp lab 1st & 2nd hour

Wed, May 11th- Computer lab 2nd hour Editing/Revising

Thurs, May 12th- Computer lab 1st hour Finish final product

Fri, May 13th- Final Research Paper with Annotated Bibliography is due!

Movie Celebration! (100 points FINAL) You cannot attend if you do not turn in your final paper and if you do not complete your Power point for history.

DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENTS:

Topic description-due Friday, April 29th

This is a paragraph description of your projects for both history and English. You will tell me who is in your group, how each group member is contributing, who is responsible for what aspect of your project, what you will be writing about specifically, and what you expect to achieve over these next 2 weeks.

Preliminary Annotated Bibliography Page-due Monday, May 2nd

This is a list of your 3 sources along with a paragraph describing what type of source it is, where you found it, what type of material it discusses, what you think about this source, whether or not it is a major or minor source in your research

Good Example:

Dabney, R. L. *Life and Campaigns of Lieutenant-General Thomas J. Jackson*. Cape Fear, N.C.: Blelock & Company, 1866; reprint, Harrisonburg, Va.: Sprinkle Publications, 1983.

The first comprehensive work on the life of Jackson. It was written with the objective of portraying and vindicating his Christian character, that his countrymen may possess it as a precious example. Dabney provides excellent first-hand accounts of Jackson's campaigns and the men who served with him. I used this as a minor source in my research.

Thesis Statement-due Tuesday, May 3rd

This is a sentence that poses a thoughtful argument that summarizes your research paper.

Bad Example: Al Capone was a great leader of organized crime during the Roaring Twenties.

Good Example: The Roaring Twenties was an era of transformation, which bred crime and gangs; Al Capone was an effective leader of such organized crime.

50 Note Cards-due Wednesday, May 4th

This is a list of 50 facts, quotes, paraphrasing, or summarizing. You need to put the subtopic on the first line, source # on the top right, page number on bottom right, and notes below. Remember not to plagiarize!

Outline-due Friday, May 6th

This is a general one-page organization of your paper. This may be typed or written. I want at least 5 Roman Numerals, & an A, B, C and 1 & 2 for Roman Numerals II, III, & IV.

Good Example:

- I. Introduction
 - a. Thesis Statement-Harlem Renaissance
- II. What the Harlem Renaissance is.
 - a. Jazz musicians
 - i. Duke Ellington
 - ii. Fats Waller
 - b. Writers
 - i. W.E. B DuBois
 - ii. Ralph Ellison
 - c. Intellectuals
 - i. Marcus Garvey
 - ii. Arthur Schomburg
- III. How the Harlem Renaissance increased the pride of African Americans
- IV. Bla Bla
- V. Conclusion
 - a. Concluding Sentence

Introduction-due Monday, May 9th

This should be at least 4 sentences long and should include your thesis sentence. Grab the reader's attention without giving away all the meat of your paper.

Rough Draft- due Tuesday, May 10th

This should be 2-3 pages typed or 4-6 pages written. This may have errors and be sloppy; the main goal is to write out your content. This includes your introduction, body, and conclusion. This is a major grade worth 100 points and a test grade.

Final Copy and Annotated Bibliography-due Friday, May 13th

This paper counts as your final. It should be a total of 4-7 pages with the annotated bib. A cover sheet is not necessary, but you may include one if you wish. Paper should be double-spaced, size 12 font, MLA format. Make it a goal to have your Readability level at 9th grade or higher. This means write using complex sentences and elevated vocabulary.

To Note:

- If you are absent, you are still responsible for turning in your Final paper on time, no matter what! You are fully aware of the deadlines and specific assignments; therefore, you can work on this at home.
- Each assignment will be counted 20 points off late each day, except for the final copy of the research paper. I WILL NOT ACCEPT THE FINAL PAPER LATE!